**Funds for rural roads by NABARD**

997. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development proposes to sanction Rs. 16,000 crores for rural roads, a component of Bharat Nirman; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the amount of funds that would be provided to the Orissa for development of roads and other infrastructure under this plan head?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Agreement among Government of India (Ministry of Rural Development), National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has been signed on 27th September, 2007, according to which NABARD has agreed to provide a loan of Rs. 16,000 crore through a separate window under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for funding Rural Roads component of Bharat Nirman. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a demand driven programme. Release of funds to the States is governed in accordance with Para 19 of the PMGSY Programme Guidelines, according to which funds for the cleared projects will be made available to the State Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) in two installments. The 1st installment amounting to 50% of the cleared value of projects, (or annual allocation which ever is lower) shall be released subject to fulfilment of conditions, if any, stipulated earlier. Further, release would be subject to utilisation of 60% of the available funds and completion of at least 80% of the road works awarded in the year previous to the preceding year and 100% of the awarded works of all the years preceding that year and fulfilment of other conditions, if any, stipulated while releasing the previous installment.

**Development of rural road in backward States under Bharat Nirman**

998. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Centre's flagship programme "Bharat Nirman" relating to rural road development, especially in the backward States i.e. Bihar, Assam, Orissa, Jharkhand;

(b) whether the pace of its implementation is sluggish in the above regions;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this project aims at providing all weather connectivity to around 66,802 habitations with 1.46 lakh km. of rural roads by 2009; and

(e) if so, the action plan of the Centre to help the above States to speed up its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Progress made under rural roads component of Bharat Nirman for providing connectivity to the targeted habitations in Bihar, Assam, Orissa and Jharkhand have been given in Statement (*see* below).

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) All efforts are being taken including the enhancement of the institutional and the contracting capacity in these States to speed up the implementation of the programme. Central agencies have also been engaged for taking up road works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Bihar and Tripura.

***Statement***

Achievement under Bharat Nirman Connecting Habitations

| State | 2005-06 | | 2006-07 | | 2007-08 upto Sep'07 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Target | Achievement | Target | Achievement | Target | Achievement |
| Assam | 421 | 346 | 1988 | 804 | 2701 | 93 |
| Bihar | 896 | 0 | 2062 | 1183 | 3214 | 111 |
| Jharkhand | 526 | 101 | 1295 | 108 | 901 | 37 |
| Orissa | 493 | 361 | 874 | 322 | 1087 | 160 |

**Rural Drinking Water Scheme**

999. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural drinking water scheme has been launched; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Rural water supply is a State subject and as such State Government are primarily responsible to provide drinking water to the rural habitations. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State governments through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) State Governments are, however, competent to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply schemes for the coverage of rural habitations from funds provided under ARWSP.

**Implementation of NREGA**

†1000. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise status of the progress of works in comparison to year-wise targets under 'National Rural Employment Guarantee Act';

(b) whether State Governments utilize the money allocated by the Central Government for this yojana, if not, the status of such State;

(c) the measures taken by the Central Government for utilizing the money allocated to State;

(d) whether monitoring committees set up in districts have been successful in implementing this yojana in a proper manner ; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to implement these plans in a proper manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) NREGA is demand driven. Therefore, no targets can be fixed under the Act. State-wise status of the total works taken up, works completed and on going works for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto October, 07) is given in Statement (*See* below).

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.